

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An audio and/or video generation apparatus to generate audio and/or video material representative of an audio and/or visual source, said audio and/or video generation apparatus comprising

a recording means for recording said audio and/or video signals representing said audio and/or video material on a recording medium, and

a metadata generation processor configured to receive said audio and/or video signals, and to generate metadata automatically in response to said audio and/or video signals, wherein said metadata includes time code data representative of in and out points of one or more parts of the audio/video material, and said metadata includes a unique identification code for each of the parts of the audio and/or video material, each unique identification code uniquely identifying one of the parts of audio and/or video material,

said metadata generation processor is operable to generate an identifier of the recording media on which the audio and/or video material is recorded, and to store said metadata and said identifier of the recording media in a data store for communication separately from the recording media, and

said metadata generated automatically by said metadata generation processor is first metadata, and said audio and/or video generation apparatus includes an interface having a predetermined format for connecting said metadata generation data processor to a portable data processor, the portable data processor providing second metadata generated in response to user commands to said metadata generation processor, said recording means being arranged to record said second metadata with said first metadata and said audio and/or video signals on said recording media.

Claims 2-24 (Canceled).

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): An audio and/or video generation apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the unique identification code is a Universal Material Identifier (UMID) or the like.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A method of generating at an audio and/or video generation apparatus audio and/or video material representative of an audio and/or visual source, said method comprising

generating audio and/or video signals representative of an audio and/or visual source,
recording said audio and/or video signals on a recording medium,
generating metadata automatically in response to said audio and/or video signals,
generating an identifier of the recording media on which the audio and/or video material is recorded, and

storing said metadata and said identifier of the recording media in a data store for communication separately from the recording media, wherein said metadata automatically is first metadata,

generating at a portable data processor, second metadata in response to user commands ~~second metadata~~, [[and]]

communicating said second metadata to said audio and/or video generation apparatus over an interface having a predetermined format, and

recording said second metadata received over said interface with said first metadata and said audio and/or video signals on said recording media,

wherein said metadata includes time code data representative of in and out points of one or more parts of the audio/video material, and said metadata includes a unique

identification code for each of the parts of the audio and/or video material, each of the unique identification codes uniquely identifying each of the parts of audio and/or video material.

Claims 27-30 (Canceled).

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): A method as claimed in Claim 26, wherein the unique identification code is a Universal Material Identifier (UMID) or the like.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A computer ~~program~~ having readable storage medium including, encoded computer executable instructions, which when loaded on to a data processor causes the data processor to perform a method of generating audio and/or video material representative of an audio and/or visual source, said method comprising

generating audio and or video signals representative of an audio and/or visual source,

recording said audio and/or video signals on a recording medium,

generating metadata automatically in response to said audio and/or video signals,

generating an identifier of the recording media on which the audio and/or video material is recorded, and

storing said metadata and said identifier of the recording media in a data store for communication separately from the recording media, wherein said metadata automatically is first metadata,

generating at a portable data processor, second metadata in response to user commands ~~second metadata~~, [[and]]

communicating said second metadata to said audio and/or video generation apparatus over an interface having a predetermined format, and

recording said second metadata received over said interface with said first metadata and said audio and/or video signals on said recording media, wherein said metadata includes time code data representative of in and out points of one or more parts of the audio/video material, and said metadata includes a unique identification code for each of the parts of the audio and/or video material, each of the unique identification codes uniquely identifying each of the parts of audio and/or video material.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): An audio and/or video generation apparatus to generate audio and/or video material representative of an audio and/or visual source, said audio and/or video generation apparatus comprising

a recording ~~means for~~ unit configured to record recording audio and/or video signals representing said audio and/or video material on a recording medium, and

a metadata generation processor configured to receive said audio and/or video signals, and to generate metadata automatically in response to said audio and/or video signals, wherein said metadata includes time code data representative of in and out points of one or more parts of the audio/video material, and said metadata includes a unique identification code for each of the parts of the audio and/or video material, each unique identification code uniquely identifying one of the parts of audio and/or video material,

said metadata generation processor is operable to generate an identifier of the recording media on which the audio and/or video material is recorded, and to store said metadata and said identifier of the recording media in a data store for communication separately from the recording media,

said metadata generated automatically by said metadata generation processor is first metadata, and said audio and/or video generation apparatus includes an interface having a predetermined format for connecting said metadata generation data processor to a portable

data processor, the portable data processor providing second metadata generated in response to user commands to said metadata generation processor, said recording means being arranged to record said second metadata with said first metadata and said audio and/or video signals on said recording media.

Claims 34-35 (Canceled).